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Attachments: [3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec-corrected.pdf](#)

Per Deputy Editor Roger Hodge's just-received vacation auto-reply e-mail, I am forwarding this on to you.

Thank you.

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TO: RYAN GRIM/ D.C. BUREAU CHIEF – THE INTERCEPT

I am the director and co-founder of the New York-based non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), and have a mountain of primary-source documentary EVIDENCE establishing that sources on whom you relied for your recent three articles "[Andrew Cuomo is Living to Regret the Deal He Pushed on Letitia James](#)" (March 2, 2021); "[Primaries Matter: Why This Time is Different for Andrew Cuomo](#)" (March 12, 2021); and "[Cuomo's 'Women's Equality Party' Might Just Be The Most Cynical Political Move of His Career](#)" (March 15, 2021) materially misled you, as, for example, Zephyr Teachout, Sochie Nnaemeka, and "progressive" WFP/Democratic legislators elected in 2020 and 2018, posturing, along with old-timers like Assemblyman Ron Kim, that they are a new breed – "always ready and willing to hold people in power accountable, regardless of whether they're a Democrat or Republican" – and that the Legislature is "a different body" now, not playing by the rules of

the *status quo* – this being supposedly because, at least in part, “There are more women in Albany now. More people of color.”

Indeed, because the 2020 legislative electeds have knowingly followed lock-step in the corruption of their more seasoned legislative colleagues and Governor Cuomo, Lieutenant Governor Hochul, Attorney General James, and Comptroller DiNapoli, with respect to the state budget and the pay raises it embeds, the above-attached FULLY-DOCUMENTED March 5, 2021 complaint that I filed with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) and the Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC) expressly includes them. The EVIDENCE substantiating the complaint -- including as to the knowledge of these new breed of legislators -- is posted on CJA’s webpage for the complaint, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/jcope/3-5-21-complaint-to-jcope-lec.htm> – and, as to A.G. James, further substantiated by the referred-to and posted [February 11, 2021 complaint against her that I filed with New York’s attorney grievance committees](#) and by [the February 7, 2021 complaint I filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct, accompanying it](#).

From the foregoing, you have the EVIDENCE from which to take the LEAD on a multitude of explosive, corruption-eradicating stories -- including:

- (1) that ALL the state Senate and Assembly members clamoring for Cuomo’s resignation and/or impeachment – and the senators and Court of Appeals judges who would constitute a court of impeachment ([NYS Constitution, Article VI, §24](#)) -- must themselves resign and/or be impeached – and that everyone in a line of gubernatorial succession, beginning with Lieutenant Governor Hochul, must be criminally prosecuted – and will be convicted; and
- (2) that NO candidate for U.S. Attorney for the Southern, Eastern, Western, and Northern Districts of New York can be deemed fit for nomination by President Biden – and confirmation by the U.S. Senate -- unless he/she is able to assure federal prosecutions of Governor Cuomo, Lieutenant Governor Hochul, Attorney General James, Comptroller DiNapoli – and New York’s state legislators, starting with Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie – based on the [open-and-shut, prima facie EVIDENCE](#) furnished by the [June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint I filed with Albany County D.A. Soares](#) – on which the [March 5, 2021 JCOPE/LEC complaint](#) principally relies – and [the 61 materially-identical other grand jury/public complaints I filed with New York’s 61 other D.A.s](#), who are all “sitting on” them.

In furtherance of this second LEAD, here’s [the message I sent yesterday at 5:27 pm to the Office of President Biden, via his website](#), pertaining to the [December 19, 2020 “draining the swamp” letter I had sent to New York’s four Acting U.S. Attorneys about the 62 grand jury/public corruption complaints](#). CJA’s webpage on which it is posted, with its annexed exhibits, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/oct-16-2020-complaint-to-fbi-us-att-bacon.htm> -- the same letter and exhibits as I had attached to my below December 22, 2020 and December 23, 2020 e-mails to [The Intercept](#) entitled “TIP/LEAD -- How do the FBI and U.S. Attorneys handle public corruption complaints filed with them by members of the public?”, without response.

I am available to answer questions and assist you, to the max – and invite you to call me, no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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Subject: In further support -- TIP/LEAD -- How do the FBI and U.S. Attorneys handle public corruption complaints filed with them by members of the public?

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Thank you for your automated acknowledgment of my yesterday's e-mail, which I received almost simultaneously with my sending it, at 9:30 pm. It stated "Due to the high volume of emails we receive we cannot respond to each submission individually. We will be in touch if we find that your story is a good fit for our publication."

To further support the "good fit", have you seen The New York Times article "[Court Extends Manhattan U.S. Attorney's Term as Inauguration Nears](#)" by Benjamin Weiser? The article, posted on The Times' website about half-an-hour after I sent you my below e-mail and printed in its today's newspaper, quotes Acting U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss as saying it is "'the privilege of a lifetime' to lead the Southern District's prosecutors 'as they pursue justice without fear or favor...'"

I trust you will agree that my above-attached December 19, 2020 letter to Acting U.S. Attorney Strauss will powerfully **TEST** her "justice without fear or favor" rhetoric – and that the public is entitled to know if she fails to make good.

Thank you.

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How do the FBI and U.S. Attorneys handle public corruption complaints filed with them by members of the public?

As President Trump promised to “drain the swamp”, this is to request your “fearless, adversarial journalism” of how a fully-documented swamp-draining public corruption complaint against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and his fellow highest constitutional officers in New York’s three government branches is being handled by the FBI and New York’s four Acting U.S. Attorneys.

Attached, summarizing the situation, is my December 19th letter to the Acting U.S. Attorneys for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York – with its three exhibits:

Exhibit A: my October 16th FBI complaint;
Exhibit B: my November 4th letter to the Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, furnishing the facts pertaining to my filing of the October 16th complaint with the FBI;
Exhibit C: my June 4th grand jury/public corruption complaint against Governor Cuomo and New York’s other highest public constitutional officers, filed with the Albany County District Attorney, who has been “sitting on” it.

The substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage for the June 4th grand jury/public corruption complaint is [here](#).

As the October 16th FBI complaint will be germane to President Biden’s appointment and Senate confirmation of four successor U.S. Attorneys for New York and a new Attorney General, I trust your response will be additionally enthusiastic on that account.

Please advise, as I would like to give you the LEAD on this politically-explosive story.

Thank you.

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